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Dear Senator Murray,

On behalf of Senate Republicans, thank you for your Nov. 20 letter stating your readiness to work with our team and our caucus.

We remain committed to reaching bipartisan solutions to the issues that concern the people of Washington, including a sustainable budget, job creation and efficient delivery of services. Recent Senate history has shown how a shared philosophy can produce positive results, such as the constitutional rainy day fund, changes to our workers' compensation system and the additional important reforms adopted just this year.

I am confident our new leadership team would appreciate the opportunity to meet with your caucus leadership to discuss how we can continue working in the spirit of bipartisanship that marked the 2011 and 2012 sessions. As you know, our leadership team will be elected next week.

Congratulations on your recent election to lead the Senate Democratic Caucus. Although I will not be your counterpart in the coming session, I look forward to continuing to serve with you in the Legislature.

Sincerely,

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